

INTERNET SAFETY FOR TEENS



The Internet is a place where you can learn and explore at your leisure and as you know, it is also a place where you can increase your circle of friends through networking sites. Giving out too much information or information to the wrong person can jeopardize your life and future.

Here are some things you can do to socialize and surf the Internet safely:

- **Limit** access to your social networking page. Only allow parents and friends to view all your information.
- **Don't** give out your full name, Social Security number, address, phone number, passwords, or other personal information about yourself.
- Flirting with **strangers** online could have serious consequences. Some people lie about who they really are.
- **Don't** video chat with a person you don't know. Allowing them to see you 'face-to-face' could have many negative consequences.
- **Be cautious** if a new friend wants to meet you in person. If you decide to meet them, meet in a public place, during the day, with friends you trust. And tell a responsible adult where you're going.
- If anyone begins **harassing** you while in a chat room, while gaming, or in general on the Internet, stop talking to them immediately. If they don't stop, notify a trust adult immediately – they will know what to do and how to handle the situation.

For more information about Internet Safety, please visit www.riag.ri.gov

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